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THE CHRONICLE COMMITTEE

for the year 1930-31 is as follows:—

Miss Woodhead (President)	A. Sutton (Sub-editor)
Miss Beck	F. Bull
Miss M. Bull (O.G. representative)	M. Martin
J. Underwood (Editor)	D. Mayfield

EDITORIAL.

THIS year the Chronicle has celebrated its tenth birthday. The voluntary contributions were very few in number although girls were encouraged to become novelists or poetesses. There seem to be more novelists in the School this year, perhaps it is because Miss Ruegg's prize was offered for an essay instead of poetry.

This year music seems to have been the predominating idea in the School.

Miss Malvern very kindly presented the School with a baton, to be won for house music. The girls were excited by such a unique idea, and there was very keen competition. The baton was finally won by Mars by a very narrow margin.

The School was also fully inspected in music instead of entering for the usual examination. We all worked very hard, and received such a laudatory report that Miss Woodhead presented the School with a gramophone.

J. UNDERWOOD.
A. SUTTON.

SCHOOL NOTES.

THE GENERAL BEARING PRIZE

was awarded to Form VI. in the Autumn and Summer Terms, and to Form IVa. in the Spring Term.

PREFECTS.

In the Autumn Term the prefects were as follows:—

- Head Girl: J. Mellor.
- In Apollo: D. Mayfield, M. Frost, A. Sutton (on probation).
- In Jupiter: J. Mellor, G. Hambleton (full); K. Salt, V. Roberts (on probation).
- In Mars: I. Finney, F. Bull (full); J. Read (on probation).
- In Neptune: M. Martin, K. Preston (full).

In the Spring Term, 1930:—D. Mayfield, K. Salt, V. Roberts, M. Frost, J. Read and A. Sutton were made full prefects.

In the Summer Term:—J. Underwood was made a prefect on probation.

AUTUMN TERM, 1929.

September 19th.—The Senior School attended the Dr. Johnson celebration.

September 28th.—The members of the rambling club went on an expedition to Dovedale.

October 24th.—A Debate was held, the motion being: "That Railways as a means of transport will ultimately die out."

November 5th and 6th.—C.M.S. Bazaar: the School held a stall as usual.

November 7th.—Speech Day.

November 11th.—Science Society Meeting. Papers were read by F. Bull and M. Martin.

November 18th.—A party went to see the Jubilee performance of "The Merchant of Venice," at Denstone College.

December 3rd.—The School went to the dress rehearsal of "The Duke of Killicrankie," in the Town Hall. The play was given by Sir Percival Heywood in aid of the School Scholarship Fund.

December 4th.—Madame La Comtesse de Croze gave a lecture on Paris in French.

December 14th, 15th and 17th.—Performances of the School Entertainment.

December 17th.—Miss Malvern gave a lecture on "Music—A Science."

December 18th.—A Debate, the motion being: "That more Emigration will increase the prosperity of both England and her Colonies."

December 19th.—The Christmas Party and Old Girls' Reunion.

SPRING TERM, 1930.

February 4th.—A party went to the Midlands v. The East Hockey Match at Derby.

February 7th.—The School performed "The Poetasters of Ispaham" as part of the Entertainment in aid of the Swimming Pool.

February 10th.—French Society Meeting.

February 17th.—Impromptu debate.

March 14th.—Science Society Meeting. D. Mayfield and K. Salt read papers.

April 1st.—The Drill Competition.

Miss Hewisson gave a lecture on Corsica.

April 2nd.—Miss Pascoe lectured on Rouen.

April 7th.—A party went from School with Miss Kirby and Miss Pascoe to visit Rouen.

April 15th.—Returned home from Rouen.

SUMMER TERM, 1930.

May 15th.—A party of girls visited the Rehearsal of the Wedgwood Pageant.

May 16th.—The Sports.

May 17th.—Rambling Club Expedition.

May 19th.—Meeting of the Debating Society. Motion :
"That experience is more useful than common-sense."

June 27th.—A lecture by Miss Woodhead on "The work of the Church Missionary Society."

June 28th.—Science Society expedition to Church Stretton.

June 30th.—School Birthday Celebrations.

July 2nd.—Musical Inspection by Mr. Frederick Allchin.

July 3rd.—Staff "At Home" to parents. Miss Dalglish lectured on "Careers for girls."

July 23rd.—Science Society Meeting. Lectures by W. Cope and J. Taylor.

July 24th.—House Tennis Tournament.

July 25th.—Visit of Birmingham Mothers.

July 28th.—A lecture by Mr. E. M. Mellor, on the "Oberammergau Passion Play."

DRILL BADGES

have been awarded to E. Frost, Y. Underwood and B. Stubbs.

GOOD POSITION BADGES

have been awarded to M. Millington and Dorothy Ball.

TENNIS COLOURS

have been awarded to F. Bull, D. Hammersley and D. Mayfield.

HOCKEY COLOURS

have been awarded to D. Stanley, Dorothy Ball, D. Mayfield and L. Atkin.

HOUSE NEWS.

APOLLO.

AUTUMN TERM.—We were top in House marks this term.

SPRING TERM.—In the Drill competition we were again third. We are getting too used to this place—can't we move up this year, Apollo ?

Hockey.—The House matches proved very exciting this term, and in the end we managed to win the cup back from Mars. Don't let it go this year Apollo!

Music.—In the Eisteddfod, which was held for the first time this year, we were fourth. Several of our girls entered for pianoforte solos.

SUMMER TERM.—Neptune invited us to tea and games.

Sports.—Many of our girls won prizes, and Brenda Stubbs won the Junior Championship. After an exciting race we tied with Mars for first place in the Relay Race. We also became the first possessors of the new Sports Cup, which was keenly competed for.

Tennis.—J. Taylor and D. Mayfield represented Apollo in the Inter-House Matches, and we gained second place.

Gardening.—We were third this year, and are greatly indebted to A. Sutton and some of the other girls who did a considerable amount of work.

This Term we were very sorry to say "Good-bye" to Miss Timberlake, who has been our House Mistress for many years. We also lost some senior girls.

On the whole, this year has been more successful for us, but why not win the Shield next year? DOROTHY MAYFIELD.

JUPITER.

AUTUMN TERM.—This Term we welcomed Miss Thomas into our House. We had sewing meetings, and contributed several leather and fancy articles to the School stall at the C.M.S. Bazaar. At Christmas we were very sorry to say "good-bye" to Miss Windrow, who had been our House Mistress for several years. We lose her with regret. We were also unfortunate in losing K. Ball, our hockey captain.

SPRING TERM.—Miss Kirby became one of our House Mistresses.

Hockey.—This year our team was very keen, but did not work together sufficiently. Our defence played well and deserve praise, but our forwards were rather slow in passing the ball and in shooting. In the House matches we were third.

Drill.—We were not very successful in drill, our juniors were quite good, but there is room for improvement in both juniors and seniors. We were fourth. Eunice Frost received a Drill badge this Term.

Music.—This year we had an Eisteddfod, which was very keenly competed for. Our House has a large number of musical members, and many girls entered for pianoforte solos and duets. The singing was promising, and we all worked hard to secure the

first place. Everyone did her best, but we were unfortunate in losing the baton by a few marks.

SUMMER TERM. *Sports*.—Several of our juniors show promise and most of our points were won by them.

Tennis.—We need a lot more practice on the tennis courts, and hope to have better luck next year. Our House was represented by E. Frost and J. Mellor.

Gardening.—The garden was not so well kept this year, and at the end of the Term we were second. J. MELLOR.

MARS.

AUTUMN TERM.—The House was third in the Term Results.

SPRING TERM.—Neptune House invited us to tea and games.

The House was runner-up for the Hockey Cup. F. Bull was Captain, J. Read was Vice-Captain. Dorothy Ball won her hockey colours this year.

We won the Drill Cup again.

This year there was an Eisteddfod competition, and we won the baton.

SUMMER TERM.—We did not do quite so well in Sports this year, we had very few juniors in the finals. The Cross-Country Race was won by Dorothy Ball, and J. Read was second. The Senior Championship was won by Dorothy Ball, J. Read was third.

Our Tennis Representatives were F. Bull and D. Hammersley, who won the Cup for us again, and also their Tennis colours.

The garden improved this year. But there are many girls in the House who take no active interest in the garden. We won the Cup for the first time.

We again won the Shield.

This Term both our House Mistresses have left us, and we were very sorry to lose them. I join with Miss Pascoe and Miss Scotter in wishing Mars every success.

I send you the following message, Mars: "work together!"

I. H. FINNEY.

NEPTUNE.

AUTUMN TERM.—We were fourth in House marks; we must try not to get so many deductions, which are largely responsible for our low marks.

SPRING TERM.—We invited Mars House to tea and games. In the Drill Competition we were again second, the juniors did very well, and if the Seniors work hard we ought to do better this year.

Again we were rather unfortunate in Hockey as our team chiefly consisted of younger members. In the House Matches we lost against all the other Houses. Dorothy Stanley was our Hockey captain.

In the Eisteddfodd, which was held for the first time this year, we were third.

SUMMER TERM.—We did not do very much on Sports Day, the juniors won nearly all the points we obtained, and several show promise in this line.

This year we have done better in Tennis than last year, but with practice and hard work we could do much better still. In the Tennis Matches we were third, A. Reeve and M. Martin representing the House.

At the end of the term we were fourth in Gardening. In order to make our usual contribution to the Alton Cripples' Home, we held a Sale of Work at the end of the term. There were two stalls, one of articles made by the House, and the other of home-made sweets, cakes and jam, as well as other foodstuffs. There was a quick sale and the stalls were soon empty. The proceeds amounted to about five pounds.

We were sorry to lose Kathleen Preston, Molly Whysall, Peggy Atkinson and Gwen Eyley at the end of the year.

M. MARTIN.

SPEECH DAY.

On November 7th, the Girls' High School Annual Speech Day was held in the Town Hall. By 3 o'clock a large number of the girls' parents and friends had arrived to see the prizes gained during the previous year, presented to the successful scholars. A bouquet of carnations was presented to Mrs. Crawford, who had kindly consented to distribute the prizes, and a bouquet of roses to Miss Woodhead from the School by two members of the Junior School, Margaret Baker and Shirley Bagshaw.

Immediately afterwards, the Chairman, Sir Percival Heywood, welcomed the visitor, Mrs. Crawford, and kindly promised to present a play: "The Duke of Killicrankie," in aid of the School Scholarship Fund, in the Town Hall early in December.

Miss Woodhead read a report of work done during the previous year. Mrs. Crawford then presented the prizes, and afterwards spoke to the girls, who thoroughly enjoyed her talk. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Crawford was proposed by Miss Ruegg, and was seconded by Janet Mellor, the head girl. The whole School then cheered Sir Percival Heywood and the Governors, the School Staff, and Miss Woodhead.

The Junior School went on to the platform and sang "I love sixpence," and were followed by the School Choir which sang

"Song of Shipbuilders," "Piper of Dundee," "Silent O'Moyle!", "Song of the Volga Boatman" and a "Christmas Carol." Then everyone present stood while the whole School sang "Heroes," the School song. After singing "God Save the King" the girls went home, and the parents went to the School, where tea was served in the Assembly Hall.

D. WATSON.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.—I.: T. Phillips. II.: N. Bentley, J. Smith. III.: O. Taylor, D. Wood. IV.b: K. Hollins, D. Johnson. IV.a: M. Mellor; Languages, P. Atkinson. V.b: J. Underwood; Languages, A. Sutton. V.a: C. Eyley; Mathematics, F. Bull. VI.: Leaving Prize, M. Prince.

SCRIPTURE PRIZES.—Senior, N. Rushton; Junior, K. Hollins.

DRAWING PRIZE.—G. Hambleton.

GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (presented by Mr. E. M. Mellor).—C. Eyley.

NEEDLEWORK PRIZE (presented by Mrs. Ward).—M. Reeves.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE PRIZE (presented by Mrs. Eckersley).—Senior, M. Reeves; Junior, D. Hammersley.

MUSIC PRIZE (presented by Miss Malvern).—F. Bull.

PRIZES FOR POEMS (presented by Miss Ruegg).—Senior, J. Mellor; Juniors, S. Dykes, K. Griffiths.

OLD GIRLS' PRIZE FOR DRILL.—J. Read.

MERITA PRIZE (presented by Miss Budgen).—A. Sutton.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE OF NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD.—M. Prince, C. Gilbert (Subsidiary Standard).

LONDON MATRICULATION.—J. Mellor.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—N. Beck, F. Bull, C. Eyley, M. Martin, D. Mayfield, K. Preston, V. Roberts, K. Salt.

COUNTY MINOR (C) SCHOLARSHIPS.—M. Mellor, J. Underwood.

JOINT BOARD R.A.M. AND R.C.M.—Piano—Lower Division: M. Jeffery, B. Dykes. Elementary: S. Dykes. Primary: I. Farmer. Violin—Elementary: D. Ainsworth, A. Gallimore. Primary: J. Read. Singing (Lower Division).

THE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY.

On the morning of the School Birthday everyone, as usual, wore a rose. At prayers we sang the School Hymn, "O God our help in ages past." After which, Miss Woodhead gave a short address.

In the afternoon a Tennis Tournament was held in which a few Old Girls took part, various games were also played on the field. Unfortunately, about tea-time it rained, and we all went into the Assembly Hall where we had tea, all thoughts of finishing the tennis being given up. Then most of the School went home, and only the prefects and a few Old Girls stayed and danced for a short time.

The School's Birthday present this year was cups and saucers with the School badge.

MARGARET BAGNALL.

GAMES.—HOCKEY.

This season our Hockey team, though it has suffered many losses has, on the whole, improved. We have not yet, unfortunately, found a reliable goalkeeper, who is essential. It is hoped that some of the younger girls will aim at playing in this position. At Christmas we lost our Vice-Captain and centre-half in Kathleen Ball, but Julia Read, as active as ever, filled both offices. Her place as left-back was filled by various girls at different times. Our right-half also left soon afterwards. Her place was taken by D. Hammersley. N. Brooks came forward in the Spring Term as goalkeeper and proved herself quite efficient. The forwards combined better this season, especially in the last match against the Old Girls. The right wing played a good, unselfish game, while the right inner proved very quick both in dribbling the ball up the field, and shooting. The half-backs and backs had a varied arrangement, and so did not get very much practice together.

In the Autumn Term the School XI. consisted of:—(G.) W. Goodwin; (R.B.) L. Atkin; (L.B.) J. Read; (R.H.) M. Howlett; (C.H.) K. Ball; (L.H.) J. Taylor; (R.W.) D. Stanley; (R.I.) D. Ball; (C.F.) F. Bull; (L.I.) A. Sutton; (L.W.) D. Mayfield.

Colours were awarded to D. Mayfield, D. Stanley, L. Atkin and D. Ball.

The results of the matches of the season were:—

Oct. 19th.—Ashbourne Grammar School.	Lost, 4—0.
Nov. 9th.—Derby High School.	Won, 3—1.
Nov. 23rd.—Hartshill Orthopædic Hospital.	Scratched.
Dec. 7th.—Westwood Hall, Leek.	Scratched.
Jan. 25th.—Derby High School.	Won, 4—2.
Feb. 1st.—Hartshill Orthopædic Hospital.	Scratched.
Feb. 8th.—Burton High School.	Won, 3—1.
Feb. 15th.—Burton High School.	Lost, 2—1.
Mar. 1st.—Uttoxeter Ladies' Club.	Won, 1—0.
Mar. 8th.—Westwood Hall, Leek.	Won, 3—0.
Mar. 15th.—St. Dominic's, Stoke.	Scratched.
Mar. 27th.—Old Girls' Society.	Won, 4—0.

The results of the Inter-House matches in the Spring Term were : 1. Apollo (with 6 points); 2. Mars (with 4 points); 3. Jupiter (with 2 points); 4. Neptune.

TENNIS.

This year we played two outside matches. The first was away on May 31st, against the second VI. of the School of St. Mary and St. Anne, Abbots Bromley. As the previous weather had been unsettled the match had to be played on hard courts. This rather hampered the School VI. The School lost the match by 7 matches to 2.

On July 5th, we played Westwood Hall School, Leek, at home. By this date we had had more practice together, and we got better results—the School won seven matches to two.

On July 29th, the School challenged the Staff to a match. The courts were very wet, but we enjoyed the game. The result was the School lost by five matches to three—the last match was not played.

The School couples were : (1) F. Bull and D. Mayfield ; (2) D. Hammersley and Dorothy Ball ; (3) Doris Ball and J. Taylor.

The House matches were played on July 24th. The couples were : Apollo, D. Mayfield and J. Taylor ; Jupiter, E. Frost and J. Mellor ; Mars, F. Bull and D. Hammersley ; Neptune, M. Martin and A. Reeve.

The final result was : 1. Mars (with 37 games) ; 2. Apollo (with 26 games) ; 3. Neptune (with 15 games) ; 4. Jupiter (with 12 games).

FRANCES BULL (Captain).

THE SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held on May 16th this year, and fortunately we had fine weather.

The Senior Championship was won by D. Ball, of Mars House, who obtained 27 points, A. Sutton being runner-up with 20 points. B. Stubbs, of Apollo House, won the Junior Championship with 49 points, and P. Bull was runner-up with 16 points.

The Cross-Country Race, which was run before the Sports' Day, was won by D. Ball, closely followed by J. Read.

D. Mayfield won the Senior High Jump, and M. Snell the Junior High Jump. The Senior and Junior Long Jumps were won by D. Ball and D. Stanley and B. Stubbs respectively.

In the House Relay Race Mars and Apollo tied for first place, Neptune being third and Jupiter fourth.

This year the Houses competed for the new Sports' Cup, which was won by Apollo. Miss Woodhead presented the Cup.

Y. UNDERWOOD.

GIRL GUIDES

(1st Uttoxeter Company).

Many changes have taken place in our Guide Company during the past year. Miss Scotter, our Lieutenant, has left us, and her place has been taken by Miss Pierce-Thomas. Gwen Phillips has also become a Lieutenant. Though several of our senior guides have left School, our numbers have remained steady as we have had several recruits. We now have 23 guides in the company.

The great event of the year was the competition held in June for the Divisional Shield. This was divided into four sections: a hike, country dancing, needlework, and Second Class work. The 1st Stramshall Company won the Shield, and we were second.

The guides have not been able to take as many proficiency badges as usual this year, as they have not had time to do the work.

We now have a Patrol Shield; marks are given to each patrol for Attendance, general neatness, work and badges. The Red Rose Patrol was the first to win the Shield.

Each patrol has made a patrol box which contains many interesting and useful things.

It was decided at the beginning of the year to hold Church Parade one Sunday in each term, and this has been done.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Although this year we have been unfortunate in having to abandon some of our debates owing to a very crowded School programme and illness of our speakers, enthusiasm over the debates we have been able to have has waxed high. The Committee, elected on September 2nd, 1929, has been: J. Mellor (Chairman), G. Hambleton (Secretary), Miss Pascoe, J. Underwood, W. Cope.

The first meeting was held on October 21st, when the motion was that "Railways as a means of transport will ultimately die out." V. Roberts, seconded by A. Sutton, spoke on the affirmative, and they were opposed by N. Brookes, seconded by B. Watson. As the argument was one on which experience could play a great part, an encouraging number of the members joined in the discussion, and the motion was finally lost by a large majority. (It is fortunate that the proprietors of the Meir Aerodrome were not present to hear the denunciations hurled against aerodromes by the ardent supporters of the motion.)

A debate was held on December 18th, 1929, the motion being that "More emigrants will increase the prosperity of both

England and her Colonies." D. Stanley, seconded by N. Kirkland, spoke on the affirmative. M. Hamilton opened on the negative, and was seconded by K. Ball. The chief points dealt with by the supporters of the motion were the reduction of unemployment in the mother country and the increase of trade with the colonies. The opposers of the motion maintained that emigration to a large extent is only a drawback, taking both money and able-bodied workmen from home. Several members of the House spoke, and the motion was carried by a small majority.

A meeting was held on February 17th, 1930, the impromptu motion and the speakers being chosen at the beginning of the meeting. The first motion that "Travelling by motor is safer than by aeroplane" was supported by J. Underwood and E. Frost, and opposed by W. Cope and M. Whysall, and the motion was carried by a small majority. We were informed by one harrassed speaker that accidents to aeroplanes cannot be caused through pedestrians, cyclists, level-crossings or mud!

The next motion that "It is better to try and fail than never to try at all" was also carried, the speakers on the affirmative being B. Bykes and Y. Underwood, and on the negative B. Watson and Miss Thomas. The surprise of being suddenly chosen to speak, together with the consciousness of the numerous eyes directed on the poor speakers, may have produced some of the surprising theories brought forward by them in this debate. We hope so.

The third motion that "Of all the labour-saving devices for women the sewing-machine is the greatest," was lost to a small majority. The speakers were M. Frost and G. Eyley on the affirmative, and D. Ainsworth and P. Atkinson on the negative, and several members of the House spoke.

An interesting debate was provided on May 19th by the motion that "Common-sense is more useful than experience." Miss Thomas, seconded by I. Finney, spoke on the affirmative, their main line of argument being that man has progressed as a result of experience since inventions, and great masterpieces have resulted from it, ingenuity and resourcefulness are developed by it, and it is useful in travelling and business. The opposers of the motion, Miss Pascoe and G. Hambleton, maintained that common-sense is innate, and can be brought to bear on any situation, while experience is only useful in a limited number of cases, and many who possess it are incapable of making use of it. The motion was lost to a very large majority. This debate, the last one of the year, was very encouraging, as the enthusiastic discussion showed that members had by now grown a little less nervous of expressing their opinions in public.

G. HAMBLETON.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The Science Society has by now become a well-established source of interest, and the meetings this year have been very well attended. We should be pleased if members were as eager to pay their subscriptions as they are to come to the lectures.

On November 11th, 1929, M. Martin read a paper on "Ants and their Ways," in which she told us about the different kinds of ants, the ways in which they built their homes and how they lived.

At the same meeting F. Bull lectured on "Respiration," and surprised us all by shewing the many processes going on in the larynx, windpipe, bronchial tubes and lungs when we breathe. We learned how our breathing is affected by fever, shock, poisoning, etc., and how noises such as snoring are caused by obstruction in different parts of the respiratory passages. The lecture ended with a time-honoured warning, but this time we really understood why we ought to breathe through the nose.

On Tuesday, December 17th, Miss Malvern gave a lecture on "Music—a Science," in which she explained that music is more than an art, as no man can be a composer without a knowledge of harmony and counterpoint. She traced the evolution and development, as knowledge has increased of the different kinds of music, from the single chants used in ancient Church music, to the complicated modern compositions used in two keys. Miss Malvern illustrated her remarks by playing to us on the piano an example of the music from each period which she described, showing us from a lovely Fiji lullaby how satisfying a simple melody can be, and ending her lecture by playing a delightful composition of her own.

At a meeting held on March 4th, 1930, K. Salt read a paper on "Pearls," in which she explained how oyster pearls are formed, where in the world they occur, and the dangers undergone by the divers in the process of collecting them. D. Mayfield then read a paper on "Plant Landwinners," explaining the colonisation of the land by such plants as salicornia, and showing how in tropical regions large tracts of land are won from swampy riverbeds by the mangrove. After these lectures Miss Kirby, who took Miss Windrow's place on the committee, made some suggestions concerning the future outdoor work of the Society.

On Saturday, March 29th, several members went with Miss Kirby for an expedition along Wood Lane and round the Highwood. All points of interest, including plants and trees, were noted. Distances between the bends in the road were measured, and compass directions taken with a view to making a map of the district.

On Saturday, June 28th, an excursion was made by members of the Society to Church Stretton and the Wrekin by char-à-banc.

On Wednesday, July 23rd, a meeting was held at School, a previously-arranged expedition to the River Dove having to be abandoned owing to rain. The Committee for the year 1930-31 was elected: F. Bull (Chairman), D. Mayfield (Secretary), J. Underwood (Treasurer), Miss Timberlake, Miss Kirby.

A short lecture was then given by W. Cope on points of interest along the River Dove, such as whirlpools, reeds, swans and kingfishers. Afterwards, J. Taylor explained by diagrams the working of a pump and a water-wheel.

After questions and discussions there was a display of the snapshots taken on the visit to the Wrekin, and it was suggested that the Society should have a large photograph album in which to put any snapshots of interest to the members.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS.

Lundi, le 2 décembre, 1929, il y avait une réunion, suggérée par Mlle. Pascoe, pour discuter la formation d'un Cercle français. On proposa d'avoir des conférences françaises et d'arranger des séances pour jouer et pour chanter en français. Mlle. Woodhead eut la bonté de contenter d'être le Président de la Société, et les suivants furent élues pour le comité: Mlle. Pascoe (sous-président), Grace Hambleton (secrétaire), Audrey Sutton, Janet Mellor, Dorothy Mayfield.

Le 4 décembre, 1929, Madame la Comtesse de Croze nous donna une conférence extrêmement intéressante sur le Paris, illustrée par de belles projections des gens et des bâtiments.

Le 10 février, 1930, une séance du Cercle eut lieu. Il y avait deux jeux français, et nous apprîmes la chanson: "Il pleut, il pleut, bergère," avec l'assistance du gramophone de Mlle. Pascoe.

Le 2 avril Mlle Pascoe nous donna une conférence sur la ville de Rouen, illustrée par des projections. Cette conférence nous fut très intéressante car elle précéda notre visite à Rouen.

Lundi, le 7 avril, quelques-unes des membres du Cercle, avec Mlles. Pascoe et Kirby, allèrent par Newhaven et Dieppe à Rouen, où nous restions pour une semaine. C'étaient des vacances merveilleuses. Nous visitâmes la Cathédrale et les belles églises de Rouen; nous vîmes la maison de Corneille et la tour où Jeanne d'Arc avait été emprisonnée, et la place où on l'avait brûlée; nous allâmes en amont de la Seine pour visiter des environs de Rouen; nous visitâmes les magasins de Rouen, et quelques-unes de nous allâmes par char-à-banc à Deauville. Nous n'oublierons jamais la belle ville de Rouen, et la Cathédrale sur laquelle donnait les fenêtres de notre Hôtel de la Calende.

Le 29 juillet, il y avait une séance du Cercle ou le comité pour 1930-31 fut élu : M. Martin (sous-président, car c'était la dernière semaine de Mlle. Pascoe), F. Bull (secrétaire), K. Salt, Mlle. Forrester, J. Underwood.

A cause de la pluie nous mangeâmes nos goûters dans la Salle d'Assemblée au lieu de sur le champ. Après cela il y avait une concurrence, et nous chantâmes : "Il pleut, il pleut, bergère," et "Cadet Rousselle."

Les séances du Cercle sont très heureuses et c'est très amusant d'entendre des membres essayer parler toujours en français.

G. HAMBLETON.

THE SCHOOL RAMBLING CLUB.

This year it was decided to have a School Rambling Club for the purpose of becoming more familiar with the surrounding countryside. Miss Woodhead was elected President, and Grace Hambleton, Chairman.

The first meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, September 28th, when a considerable number of girls met in the morning and journeyed to Ellastone by 'bus. From there the road was taken to Stanton, and thence through the fields to a delightful spot called Cuckoo Cleugh, where a halt was made for lunch. Then the party walked over high Staffordshire moorland, through Swinscoe, Blore (where some of the members visited the old church) and Ilam, to the lower end of Dovedale. Several of the Staff joined the ramblers by the stepping-stones, and everyone had tea together. The road was then taken to Ashbourne, and home was reached by bus after a very enjoyable day.

The second meeting of the School Rambling Club was held on Friday afternoon, November 1st (half-term holiday), when a paper chase was organised. The hares were K. Salt, D. Mayfield, D. Hammersley and J. Mellor, who led the chase up Smithfield Road, across the Windmill fields, across more fields to the New Road, along the old Canal to Spath, across the fields to Dove Bridge, and back through the fields to School, arriving about ten minutes before the hounds.

The members of the club met on Uttoxeter station on Saturday, May 17th, and journeyed by train to Sudbury for a ramble in the Needwood Forest district. At Hanbury the old church was visited, and after having a picnic tea the party walked by way of the Six Road Ends to Sudbury, and reached home eventually by train.

Owing partly to the large number of other engagements and partly to the bad weather, the meetings which were to be held in the Summer term were postponed.

THE PASSION PLAY AT OBERAMMERGAU.

On July 28th, 1930, the whole School had a wonderful experience. We travelled through Basle, Zurich and Lake Constance, Lindau, along the Rhine valley and the Danube to Munich, where we were surprised by the great number of bicycles on the streets, through the wonderful town of Nuremburg with its ancient buildings, and on to the ridge of hills from which we looked down on to the town of Oberammergau, resting in the valley of the Amper. Our guide pointed out to us in the distance the theatre which has become world-famous, and which was the end of our journey. We stayed that night at a picturesque wooden house in the hills, and the next day we went to the performance of the Passion Play. We saw the earnest faces of Anton and Alois Lang, the two men who have played the part of Christus in the recent performances, and who try to live their lives so that they shall be worthy of their rôle. We saw the blacksmith who plays the part of Caiaphus; we watched the anguished face of Mary Magdalene, and we quailed before the stern and wonderful voice of Pontius Pilate. The scenes of the play, which lasted all day and included very beautiful representations of The Parting at Bethany, The Last Supper and The Garden of Gethsemane, were enacted on an enormous stage which was open to the sky. Receding from this stage were two long passages representing the streets of Jerusalem. Across these, when the stage was empty, we occasionally saw a little child run, emphasising the realistic effect of the whole play. Our guide told us that the rôles of the actors in this wonderful performance play as great a part in their lives as does their ordinary work, and they have continually before them the aim of being worthy of their parts. We shall never forget them, although our visit was only made with the aid of a magic-lantern, and our guide was Mr. E. M. Mellor.

G. HAMBLETON.

ROUEN.

On April 7th, twenty-six of us, together with Miss Pascoe and Miss Kirby, set out for France. Neptune was kind to us, and we spent most of the crossing in singing the nearest approach to sea-shanties that we knew. We arrived at Rouen at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, pale and weary but very interested in all we saw.

During the week we saw as much as we possibly could of the places of interest of which Rouen has many. We visited a great number of churches, which were examples of the fine architecture to be found in France. The Cathedral, which was only a short distance away from our hotel, was the most interesting, and it was a very panting and breathless party from Uttoxeter which reached the top of the Cathedral's highest tower after climbing 816 steps. From here we could see the Seine flowing

through the town; the river has very beautiful scenery on either side, this we discovered when we went for a trip down the river. We could also see the hill of Bon Secours with its beautiful church and fine memorial to Jeanne d'Arc.

One day, most of us went for a day excursion to Deauville, which was a distance of 135 miles away. On the way we passed through many interesting towns, including Lisieux, which is famous for the Church of Thérèse, the most recently canonised saint of France: and Harfleur, which has its Cathedral built entirely of wood. As the season had not yet begun at Deauville and Trouville, we did not see much of the fashionable life of this gay resort.

Throughout our stay in France, we were struck by the courtesy and helpfulness of the people, who must have been secretly amused at our faltering efforts to express our desires in French. We were sorry to leave this delightful country, and wished our stay could have been prolonged.

The return journey proved less delightful, for we had scarcely left Dieppe, when many of us succumbed to attacks of mal-de-mer. But we soon recovered when we reached England and arrived in London at 6 a.m. on the 15th, tired, but for the most part looking forward to breakfast, of which we partook there. Miss Woodhead and Miss Windrow, who came to see us at St. Pancras, sympathised deeply with us for our bad crossing. We arrived at Utttoxeter about 2.30 p.m., finding English life rather strange and unconsciously thinking in French. We should like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Pascoe and Miss Kirby, for undertaking the expedition and giving us such a happy time.

K. SALT.

M. MARTIN.

THE TRIP TO CHURCH STRETTON.

On Saturday, June 28th, several members of the Society went on a trip to Church Stretton. The route took us through Stafford, Wellington, along part of the old Roman Road, Watling Street, and Shrewsbury. On the way, we stopped to look at the remains of Uriconium, an old Roman Town, which is still being excavated. The foundations of the Forum and the baths could quite easily be distinguished; there was also part of the wall which surrounded the town.

We went straight from Uriconium to Church Stretton, where we had lunch by the roadside, and later climbed part of the Long Mynd; from the place to which we climbed one could see a wonderful view of the surrounding hills, including the Wrekin, and the whole of Church Stretton.

Coming back, we stopped at Shrewsbury and visited the Castle, the Museum and several other places; having our tea at a Café. In the Museum, there were many relics which had been

found at Uriconium, such as pottery, coins and trinkets, the two latter things being made of iron.

The weather was glorious all day, and we enjoyed the trip very much.

M. BROWN.

Y. UNDERWOOD.

THE BIRMINGHAM MOTHERS.

On July 25th, we entertained a party of mothers from the Birmingham Settlement. They came by 'bus, arriving about one o'clock, and were welcomed by Old Girls. They had lunch immediately, and afterwards walked round the gardens as luckily it was a fine day. In the afternoon they were entertained by plays and competitions. Some of Form V.b performed "The Old Bull," and Form V.a "Cinderella." They had a hat-trimming competition, a smelling competition, and a treasure hunt; the winners being awarded small prizes. All of the items were greatly appreciated. The mothers then had tea, and to each was given a bunch of flowers before she left, about half-past five.

A. SUTTON.

THE STAFF AND PREFECTS PARTY.

On July 30th, the Prefects invited the Staff to tea and games. Tea was laid in the Front Hall, and the places were arranged so that Staff and girls alternated. By each Staff plate there was a piece of paper on which a flower was painted and an appropriate verse written. The Staff then drew the name of the flower from a hat, and found their places accordingly.

Tea proved a lively meal, for Cambridge and Higher were completely forgotten, and everyone seemed carefree and happy. Ship's cargo was very exciting, some fictitious geographical names were produced, and even Miss Timberlake was found guilty of fabrication; some weird and wonderful cargoes were named. Nursery Rhymes were sung very lustily, and our minds frantically went back to the nursery in an effort to find enough rhymes. The proverbs were very hard to discern, as they sounded for the most part like glorified sneezes. Other games helped the time to go all too quickly. We were, perhaps, more reluctant to finish our jolly party because it meant "good-bye" to three of our Staff and several of our girls.

KATHLEEN SALT.

A DAY IN HOLLAND.

One day, when we were staying at———, we went to Holland for the day. We went by car with a Frenchman.

As soon as we got there we went to see the tulips in a garden. There were yellow, purple and red ones, and a lot more. They looked ever so pretty.

The little girls were dressed in clogs, and had little bonnets and long dresses. Their bonnets look as if they have little wings at each end, and

their clogs turn up at the toes. Their dresses have long skirts and the tops look like little blouses. They mostly dress in black and white.

Then we went round the town to look at the shops. We got quite a lot of things. We saw the oxen pulling the milk carts. Then we went and had some tea, and when we had finished, it was time to go back to the hotel.

DOROTHY AMOS (Aged 9).

LIFE IN EAST AFRICA.

Until December, 1928, I had never lived in England. I had always lived in East Africa, where we live on a Coffee Farm, twelve miles out of Nairobi. The coffee trees are not very tall, but if the natives did not prune them, they would grow to about sixteen feet. I lived in a bungalow with my mother and father. In it are twelve rooms; the rooms are not papered like the English houses, they are whitewashed and have cement floors. The houses are white and have corrugated iron roofs. There is a veranda at the front of the house, and at night when we are in the sitting room and looking out on to the veranda, we can see the hyenas prowling round. At night it gets very cold, and we have to use hot water bottles. There is not any electric light or gas, so we have petrol lamps.

The country around Nairobi is not cultivated; there are many trees such as the eucalyptus, fir tree, the jackeranda, and many more.

The natives live in round mud huts, and live on maize and flour mixed together.

The roads are like the English roads, but about five miles out of the town the roads are made of soil. In the rainy seasons the roads are terribly muddy, and many cars have to be left on the road till the sun dries it.

R. BRINCK (aged 14).

TUTBURY GLASS WORKS.

It is very interesting to go round the Glass Works. It is extremely hot and very dark inside the furnace houses. In the furnaces the sand, red lead and chemicals are heated so that they look like treacle.

Then it is blown into shape—jugs, glasses, bowls, and many other things. It is then put on a tray and is cooled, and so is made ready for cutting. In the cutting shop there are revolving grind-stone wheels on which the glass is cut. Besides cutting there is etching and engraving. Different pictures are stamped, one of Tutbury Castle.

The glass is now finished and is taken to the show-rooms, where, besides different kinds of bowls and vases, may be seen tumblers ordered by Shipping Companies.

JOAN PILCHER (aged 13).

CHEDDAR CAVES.

These Summer Holidays I went to Cheddar Caves. There are two of them, and I think they are the most most wonderful things that I have ever seen. The entrance to the larger one is very dark and cold. First, we saw where the stalagmites and stalactites had joined so that the water trickled down them. Further on there was a small pool which was wired in. Here again minerals had formed many stalagmites, and the reflection of these showed a little Swiss village. We passed many strange scenes, but at the end of the cave was a more wonderful thing still, Solomon's Temple, which was formed by Stalagmites and stalactites of different colours. As we came out the guide showed us a skeleton which was supposed to be thousands of years old.

The other cave was more beautiful still although it was much smaller. Even in this underground cave ferns and mosses were growing. We could see where the minerals seemed to have formed a blanket edged with a blanket stitch. One of the stalagmites when struck sounded like a gong. As we came into the daylight we saw small shrubs growing out of the pools. As we passed through the gorges we saw the cleft in the rock where the Rev. A. M. Toplady sheltered one stormy night and afterwards wrote, "Rock of Ages Cleft for me."

ODETTE JACKSON (aged 14).

THE LAB.

Thou home of scientific smells,
And refuge of the bored,
What wondrous ancient specimens
Are in thy cupboards stored!
From one high shelf a well-stuffed owl
Looks down with solemn gaze.
I wonder if he disapproves
Of schoolgirls nowadays?
And many rows of bottles stand,
Some queer compound in all—
And queerer things may happen, if
You let a bottle fall.
A shelf of apparatus too
To puzzle all new girls;
Glass rods of every length and shape,
With bends and twists and curls.
Two window-ledges hold some scales,
And sometimes flowers or ferns;
While at the bench the Thirds learn how
A Bunsen burner burns.

Here also stand experiments
Watched with the greatest care,
Experiments on botany,
On chemistry and air.
The studious Sixth Form here retire,
All armed with monstrous books.
They notice what a plant contains,
And how some substance cooks.
We analyse a pickled frog,
Or find an insect's wing,
Or say why caterpillars crawl,
Or why a bee can sting.
I'm glad the kitchen's down below—
The lab. right up on high,
Or we'd have Bad-egg-scented stew
Or Something-oxide pie.
A parting word—if, when at school,
A fire we have one day,
'Twill be because some 'scientist'
Has blown the lab. away.

E. CAWSE (15 yrs. 1 month).

THE BROOK.

One night I had a little dream,
Of rippling brook and trickling stream;
The brook said "Bubble, Bubble, Splash,"
The stream flowed past me with a dash,
And all it said was "Splash, Splash,
Splash."

As I was walking by the brook,
I saw a fairy in a nook;
Who, when he saw me, took a leap,
And landed on a bank quite steep,
And coyly took a little peep.

He looked at me—a leaf was near,
And taking it—he—without fear,
Stepped on the small and spritely boat.
And silently began to float,
Down to an ancient castle moat.

PEGGY BULL (age 11 yrs.).

THE FAIRY RING.

When I was on the grass,
I saw a lovely sight:
I saw a fairy ring,
While the moon was shining bright;
The ring was silver coloured,
The fairies were in white:
They danced the whole night long,
And made the world look bright.

J. HUGHES (age 9 yrs.).

OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

AUTUMN TERM.

The Autumn Meeting was held on Friday, November 29th. After Tea there was a business meeting. The Tea Committee was re-elected with the addition of R. Brittlebank and N. Beck. M. Bull was appointed Secretary on the retirement of K. Orme. The Treasurer, W. Hardy, was re-elected. The Dance was held as usual.

SPRING TERM.

The Spring Meeting was held on March 26th, when Mr. Tennant gave a very interesting lantern lecture on Italian Art. After tea there was a short business meeting. Miss Woodhead suggested that a register of the Addresses and Occupations of Old Girls should be kept, and Miss Beck was unanimously elected as registrar.

SUMMER TERM.

On Friday evening, May 30th, Miss Woodhead and the Staff gave an "At Home" to all Old Girls of the School. About sixty old girls were able to come. There was a short informal business meeting. We discussed what was the most suitable day and time for our meetings.

It was arranged that the School Tennis Courts would be available to Old Girls on Thursday evening during the Summer Term. Also it was decided that the Old Girls should start a Dramatic Society.

Our hostesses had provided some very interesting competitions and games, and we all spent a very enjoyable evening.

Several of the Old Girls were present at the School Birthday Party, which was held on June 30th at School.

On July 25th, a number of Old Girls helped with the luncheon when the School entertained the Birmingham Mothers.

M. BULL, *Hon. Sec.*

MARRIAGES.

PARTON—EARP. On June 7th, at Gratwich Church; William Wint Parton to Doris Kathleen Earp.

CLARKE—CARTMAIL. On June 3rd, at the Parish Church, Fradswell; Ivor Clarke to Anne Cicely Cartmail.

DAVIES—ORME. On Feb. 27th, at the Parish Church, Uttoxeter; Kathleen L. Orme and Henry V. Davies.

GRIFFIN—KEELING. At the Parish Church, Uttoxeter; Frederick Griffin to Adelaide Keeling.

BIRTH.

AVERILL. June 15th, at Checkley, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Averill—a daughter.